

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 1926 ¹

ORDER OF ALLOTMENT OF JUSTICES

It is ordered, That the following allotment be made of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of this Court among the circuits, agreeably to the act of Congress in such case made and provided, and that such allotment be entered of record, viz:

For the First Circuit, OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, Associate Justice.

For the Second Circuit, HARLAN FISKE STONE, Associate Justice.

For the Third Circuit, LOUIS DEMBITZ BRANDEIS, Associate Justice.

For the Fourth Circuit, WILLIAM H. TAFT, Chief Justice.

For the Fifth Circuit, EDWARD T. SANFORD, Associate Justice.

For the Sixth Circuit, JAMES C. McREYNOLDS, Associate Justice.

For the Seventh Circuit, PIERCE BUTLER, Associate Justice.

For the Eighth Circuit, WILLIS VAN DEVANTER, Associate Justice.

For the Ninth Circuit, GEORGE SUTHERLAND, Associate Justice.

March 16, 1925.

¹ For next previous allotment, see 268 U. S., p. IV.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1927

PRESENT: THE CHIEF JUSTICE, MR. JUSTICE HOLMES, MR. JUSTICE VAN DEVANTER, MR. JUSTICE McREYNOLDS, MR. JUSTICE BRANDEIS, MR. JUSTICE SUTHERLAND, MR. JUSTICE BUTLER, MR. JUSTICE SANFORD, AND MR. JUSTICE STONE.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE said:

The Court announces with deep personal sorrow the death of William Riley Stansbury, its clerk, at 5 o'clock on yesterday (Sunday) morning, June 5.

Mr. Stansbury was born May 25, 1856, so that he had reached the age of 71. He was born, and has always lived, in this District, except for a year or two spent in the Signal Service of the United States. He entered this Court as an assistant clerk in August, 1882, and has acted in every capacity as a subordinate in the clerk's office, having succeeded Mr. James D. Maher as clerk in October, 1921, six years ago. He was an accurate, faithful, earnest, and efficient public servant. He was saturated with the traditions of the office and familiar to the last detail with all the duties to be discharged in that important place. He endeared himself in every relation to the members of the Court. He was genial and accommodating and interested for every member of the public, and especially every one of the bar who had to transact business with the Court. He was a man of the utmost probity and of highest character in every respect.

The Court takes great pride in the history of the maintenance of the traditions of the clerk's office and of the length of service of those who administered it. Mr. Bayard was appointed clerk in 1791 and served until 1800. Mr. Caldwell was appointed in 1800 and served until 1825. Mr. Carroll was appointed in 1827 and served until 1863. Mr. Middleton was appointed in 1863 and served until 1880. Mr. James H. McKenney was appointed in 1880, having been for years the chief assistant of Mr. Middleton, and served until 1913. Mr. James D. Maher, having for many years since boyhood been an assistant in the clerk's office, was appointed clerk in 1913 and served until 1921. Mr. Stansbury having been appointed assistant clerk in 1882, and having served as the head of the office for six years, looked back to a record of forty-five years. Such lengths of service indicate not only fidelity but efficiency, for only by reason of the latter could the incumbents have continued during the term they served.

Because the Court adjourns this morning for the term of 1926, and for more than three months, and because no successor to Mr. Stansbury could be appointed during the vacation, it has been necessary for the Court, in spite of Mr. Stansbury's very recent death, to appoint his successor, in order that the successor may be installed, give his bonds, and begin the administration of his office, which, because of its public obligations, can not be suspended at all.

Mr. Philander Riley Stansbury, the brother of the late Clerk, has been an assistant for more than 30 years and has rendered faithful services. Because of the state of his health he has declined to be considered for the succession.

The Court has appointed as its Clerk, to succeed Mr. Stansbury, Charles Elmore Cropley, of Washington. Mr. Cropley has already served in the Court as Page and Assistant some 18 years, but is still in the prime of life.

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He has great familiarity with the duties of the office and carries with him to its headship the traditions that have secured such distinguished and useful service by Mr. Stansbury and his predecessors, with the probability of a life of long usefulness.

The members of the Court will attend the funeral of Mr. Stansbury in a body, at half past 10 to-morrow (Tuesday) morning, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, at the corner of Fifteenth and V Streets.

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ORDER

It is hereby ordered that Charles Elmore Cropley be appointed Clerk of this Court in the place of William R. Stansbury, deceased, and that he forthwith take the oath of office and give bond conditioned according to law.

ORDER

On the application of the Clerk, pursuant to Section 221 of the Judicial Code, it is ordered that Reginald C. Dilli be, and he is hereby, appointed a Deputy Clerk of this Court.

